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PRESIDENT CALLS TREATY CHARTER OF BETTER WORLD

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The route of the parade was lined with people, and as the president approached, there were frequent outbursts of cheering. The parade passed up Grand avenue and through the central part of the business section to Convention hall, where it was said this morning, arrangements had been made for seating 20,000 people. Two immense flags had been arranged in a false ceiling and balconies were draped with bunting and flags. Fifteen thousand small flags were distributed as the crowd poured into the hall.

The doors of the hall were opened at 9 o'clock but for several hours a crowd had been waiting for entrance. Half an hour after the doors were opened every seat was filled and the crowd was still pouring in seeking available standing room. With the standing room in the hall practically filled, the streets outside were thronged with people seeking entrance. It was said that several thousand persons would be unable to get in.

Text of Address.

In his address President Wilson said: "I came back from Paris, bringing one of the greatest documents of human history. One of the things that made it great was that it was penetrated throughout with the principles to which America has devoted her life. Let me hasten to say that one of the most delightful circumstances of the work on the other side of the water was that I discovered that what we called American principles had penetrated to the heart and to the understanding not only of the great peoples of Europe, but to the hearts and understandings of the great men who were representing the peoples of Europe."

The document is expressed in provisions by which all the member states agree that they will never go to war without first having done one or the other of two things, either submitted the controversy to arbitration, in which case they agree to abide by the verdict, or submitting it to discussion in the council of the league of nations, and for that purpose they consent to allow six months for the discussion, and whether they like the opinion expressed or not, that they will not go to war for three months after that opinion has been expressed, so that you have, whether you get arbitration or not, nine months' discussion and I want to remind you that that is the central principle of some 20 treaties entered into between the United States of America and some 30 other sovereign nations, all of which are confirmed by the senate of the United States.

Boycott Is Weapon.

"And what is the compulsion to do this? The compulsion is this, that if any member state violates that promise to submit either to arbitration or discussion, it is thereby ipso facto deemed to have committed an act of war against all the rest. Then you will ask, do we at once take up arms and fight them? No. We do something very much more terrible than that. We absolutely boycott them. Let any merchant put up to himself that if he enters into a covenant and then breaks it and the people all around absolutely desert his establishment and will have nothing to do with him, ask him after that if it will be necessary to send the police. The most terrible thing that can happen to any individual and the most conclusive thing that can happen to a nation is to be read out of decent society (applause). There was another thing that we needed to accomplish, that is accomplished in this document. We wanted disarmament and this document provides in the only possible way for disarmament by common agreement. Obeying my fellow citizens, that just now every great fighting nation in the world is a member of this partnership except Germany, and inasmuch as Germany has accepted a limitation of her army to 100,000 men, I don't think for the time being she may be regarded as a great fighting nation."

Paris, we were able to face with this situation. That in dealing with a particular civil government we found that they would not dare to promise what their general staff was not willing that they should promise; and that they were which they had created, nominally for their own defense, but really—whether they willed it or not—for the provocation of war. And so long as you have a military class, it does not make any difference what your form of government is. If you are determined to be armed to the teeth you must obey the orders and directions of the only men who can control the great machinery of war. It is not merely the cost of it (armaments) although that is overwhelming, but it is the spirit of it, and America has never had, and I hope in the providence of God never will have that spirit (Great applause).

To Destroy Autocracy.

"And there is no other way to dispense with great armaments except by common agreement of the fighting nations of the world. And here is the agreement. They promise disarmament, and promise to agree upon a plan. But there was something else we wanted. We wanted to see to it that there was no place in the world where a small group of men could use their fellow citizens as pawns in a game; that there was no place in the world where a small group of men, without consulting their fellow citizens, could send their fellow citizens to the battlefield and to deal in accomplishing something, a dynamic, some political plan that had been conceived in private, some object that had been prepared for by universal world-wide intrigue. That is what we wanted to accomplish. The most startling thing the developed world at the opening of our participation in this war was not the military preparation of Germany—we were familiar with that, though we had been dreaming that she would not use it—but her political preparation, to find that every community in the civilized world was penetrated by her intrigue. The German people did not know that, but it was known by Wilhelmstrasse, where the central offices of the German government were, and Wilhelmstrasse was the master of the German people; and this war, my fellow citizens, has emancipated the German people as well as the rest of the world."

"We don't want to see anything like that done again, because we know that democracy will only have to destroy that form of government; and if we don't destroy it now, the job is still to be done by a combination of all the great fighting peoples of the world to see to it that the aggressive purpose of such government cannot be realized by any one nation or group of nations for little groups of men to contrive the downfall of civilization in private conference."

"My fellow citizens, it does not make any difference what kind of a minority governs you, if it is a minority. And the thing we must see to is that the minority who govern you, whether they be a minority or a majority, shall be the best of the people. That is at heart, my fellow citizens, of the tragic things that are happening in that great country which we long to help and can find no way that is effective to help—Russia, the great realm of Russia. The men who are so measurably in control of the affairs of Russia represent nobody but themselves. They have again and again been challenged to call a constitutional convention. They have again and again been challenged to prove that they had some kind of a mandate even from a single class of their fellow citizens. And they dared not attempt it; they have no mandate from anybody. There are only thirty-four of them, I am told, and there were more than thirty-four men who used to control the destinies of Europe from Wilhelmstrasse. There is a closer monopoly of power in Petrograd and Moscow than there ever was in Berlin, and the thing that is intolerable is not that the Russia people are having their way but that another group of men more cruel than the first is controlling the destinies of that great people. And I want to say here and now that I am against the control of any minority anywhere."

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"And so, my fellow citizens, there are other aspects to that matter. Not all the populations that are having some of the horrors of the great document which I brought back with me is that which I brought back with me is that that everywhere within the area of settlement covered by the political questions involved in that treaty, people of that sort have been given their freedom and guaranteed their freedom. But the thing does not end there because the treaty includes the covenant of the league of nations. And what does that say? That says that it is the privilege of any member state to call attention to anything anywhere that is likely to disturb the peace of the world or the good understanding between nations upon which the peace of the world depends, and every people in the world that have not got what they think they ought to have is thereby given a world forum in which to bring the thing to the bar of mankind."

"There never before has been provided a world forum in which the legitimate grievances of peoples and nations, to consider can be brought to the consideration of mankind. And if I am not an advocate of any oppressed people, I surely could not ask any better forum than to stand up before the world and challenge the other party to make good its excuses for not acting in that case."

Charges Passion.

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Must Break Trust.

"Search your own economic history and that of the world and you will find that now and again you have said there were small groups of capitalists who were controlling the industry and therefore the development of the United States. Seriously, my fellow citizens, if that is so (and sometimes I have feared that it was) we must break up that monopoly. I am not saying that there is any group of our fellow citizens who are consciously doing anything of the kind, and I am saying that these allegations must be proved. But it is proved, that any class, any group anywhere, is without the suffrage of their fellow citizens in control of our affairs than I am with you to destroy the power of that group."

"We have got to be frank with ourselves, however. If we do not want minority government in Germany, we must see to it that we do not have it in the United States. If you do not want little groups of selfish men to plot the future of Europe, we must not plot the future of America. Any man that speaks for a class must prove that he also speaks for all his fellow-citizens for mankind; and then we will listen to him."

"Then there was another thing we wanted to do, my fellow-citizens, that is done in this document. We wanted to see that helpless people were no longer in the world put at the mercy of unscrupulous enemies and masters. There is one pitiful example which is in the hearts of all of us. I mean the example of Armenia. There was a Christian people, helpless at the mercy of a Turkish government which thought it the service of God to destroy them. And at the moment, by fellow-citizens, it is an open question whether the Armenian people will not, while we sit here and debate, be absolutely destroyed. When I think of words piled on words, of debate following debate, when these unscrupulous, selfish, and unscrupulous men are happening in these pitiful parts of the world, I wonder that men do not wake up to the moral responsibility of what they are doing."

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ACTORS' STRIKE COMES TO END

Both Sides Satisfied With Settlement Made in Big Walkout.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The actors' strike which began a month ago and after closing the majority of legitimate theaters in New York, spread to other cities, was settled early today. All theatres affected by the strike will be reopened at once. The settlement followed a four-hour conference between producing managers and representatives of the Actors' Equity association and other labor organizations of the theater workers.

Augustus Thomas, the playwright, chairman of the mediation committee of the Authors' League of America, agreed that an open shop had been agreed upon. Francis Wilson, president of the Actors' Equity association, said that all differences had been settled to the satisfaction of both sides. A statement, it was said, would be issued during the day setting forth the terms of the agreement.

Settlement for the strike directly after officials of the International Alliance of Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators had ordered members employed in 169 theaters throughout the country where Shubert productions are being played to strike, but in both the stage hands' organization and the actors' association are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The new Actors' Fidelity league, organized since the strike began, by George M. Cohan in an attempt to force the equity association to a settlement, had no part in the settlement, and the fidelity would soon disband since the striking actors refused to recognize it.

SPECIAL PRIMARY DATE IS SET AT MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER, Tenn., Sept. 6. (Sp.)—A date for the Democratic primary to select candidates for the offices of county clerk, sheriff and trustee was set for the fourth Saturday in January by the Democratic committee at its meeting here Monday afternoon.

The committee went on record also as endorsing woman suffrage, and would urge upon all women the advisability of exercising the franchise, especially in the national election next November. It was brought out that the Republicans have been making special efforts to obtain the votes of the women, in an attempt to swing Tennessee into the Republican presidential column next year. This has never occurred before except in the days of reconstruction, when the Confederate soldiers were barred from the polls.

BAPTISTS OF WEST SIDE ORGANIZE FOR DRIVE

JACKSON, Tenn., Sept. 6. (Sp.)—Under the direction of Dr. R. A. Landell, organizer and public director for West Tennessee in the \$75,000,000 Baptist campaign, the organization of the 12 Baptist associations in West Tennessee has practically been perfected preparatory to actively launching the campaign. Dr. Landell has established his office here and is now engaged in the work of organizing the associations and distributing literature over his territory, which in the mind of the director is a prerequisite to a successful campaign. The organization of 11 of the associations has been completed and the remaining two associations will be organized within the next two or three days. It is the purpose of the campaign officials to completely organize the movement from the director-general to the individual member before any subscriptions are solicited. The apportionment for the Baptists of West Tennessee in this campaign is \$1,700,000.

ONE MURDER VERDICT AT WATER VALLEY

WATER VALLEY, Miss., Sept. 6. (Sp.)—The circuit court, which convened here last Monday, has been moving along with usual results until yesterday, when it took up its first murder case, Robert Mitchell, charged with killing Buck Richardson over a year ago. Both negroes. The case went to the jury about 10:30 Friday morning and in the afternoon the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged, but directed as to the penalty, which was a life imprisonment in this state, although the court has not passed judgment yet.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MEMPHIS

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